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SUBJECT: USAEC-GOI NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY GEOTHERMAL
EXCHANGE

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR IRVING FROM EDWARD
FLEMING, DIRECTOR, DAT, USAEC: "IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED WITH YOU DURING MY TELEPHONE
CALL 26 JUNE, DR. LOUIS B. WERNER ACCOMPANIED
BY DR. GERALD W. JOHNSON MET WITH MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES
KJARTANSSON AT 0900 ON 27 JUNE IN REYKJAVIK. ALSO IN
ATTENDANCE WERE JON JONSSON, JACOB BJORNSSON; KARL RAGNARS
AND SVEINBJORN BJORNSSON. SECRETARY GENERAL SNAEVAR UNABLE TO
ATTEND. RECEPTION OF U.S. REPS EXTREMELY CORDIAL.
MINISTER KJARTANSSON EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST ON PART OF GOI TO
MOVE TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN GOI AND US FOR GEOTHERMAL EXCHANGE. IT WAS AGREED THAT
SUCH IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD PROCEED THROUGH ICELANDIC
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CONTACT TO BE NOMINATED BY GOI AND U.S. CONTACT TO BE NAMED

BY USAEC AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY FOR US GOVERNMENT.
ICELANDIC CONTACT PROBABLY WILL BE JON JONSSON OR G.
PALMASON UPON RETURN OF PALMASON TO ICELAND. THE VIEW
WAS EXPRESSED BY SVEINBJORN BJORNSSON THAT THE GEOTHERMAL
EXCHANGE COULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE
PRACTICAL GEOTHERMAL EXPERIENCE OF ICELANDIC SCIENTISTS
AND ENGINEERS AND THE SOPHISTICATED RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF U.S. ICELANDIC REPS RECOGNIZED ICE-
LANDIC INABILITY TO PERFORM CERTAIN TYPES OF STUDIES SUCH
AS ADVANCED WELL HOLE LOGGING AND ROCK FRACTURING BECAUSE OF
LACK OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

VARIOUS TECHNICAL TOPICS OF POSSIBLE MUTUAL INTEREST
WERE IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE
EXCHANGE VISITS. INCLUDED WERE: SEISMOLOGY, HEAT TRANSFER,
RESERVOIR CHARACTERIZATION, PHYSICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL EXPLOR-
ATION, TREATMENT OF GEOTHERMAL WASTES AND GENERAL ENVIRON-
MENTAL CONTROL, ROCK FRACTURING, DEEP DRILLING, SEACHEMICALS
EXTRACTIONS, PROCESS HEAT UTILIZATION, POWER CYCLE
STUDIES AND WELL PRODUCTION INITIATION. IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL
CONFERENCES IT WAS PROPOSED THAT EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS
AND ENGINEERS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR PERIOD UP TO
SEVERAL WEEKS WOULD BE OF INTEREST. THE POSSIBILITY
OF JOINT PROJECTS WAS ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE IDENTIFICATION OF
PRINCIPAL CONTACTS IN EACH COUNTRY FOLLOWED BY PLANNING
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCHANGE WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

ON BEHALF OF CCMS TEAM AND AEC PARTICIPANTS I AGAIN
WISH TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY
AND THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY YOU AND YOUR STAFF IN SUPPORT OF
CCMS VISIT TO ICELAND. EDWARD H. FLEMING." END
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